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SUBJECT: TRANSIT TRAFFIC NEGOTIATIONS -- TELTOW CANAL

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WE ARE A BIT PUZZLED BY UK REP'S SUPPORT FOR FRENCH
INSISTENCE ON OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT
TELTOW CANAL NEGOTIATING PLANS BEGORE FURNISHING
ALLIED VIEWS TO SENAT. BRITISH MISSION UP
TO NOW HAS INDICATED IT WAS AS RELAXED AS WE ARE IN REGARD
TO NEGOTIATING CHANNELS. AT MEETING WITH SOVIET POLITICAL
COUNSELOR KHOTULEV, APRIL 7, BRITISH POLAD (WALKER)
PERSONALLY UNDERTOOK TO DISCUSS TELTOW CANAL AND ASKED KHOTULEV
FOR HIS OPINION AS TO WHETHER IT CAME UNDER QA FRAME-
WORK. KHOTULEV, ACCORDING TO POLAD'S REPORT, FIRST
SAID HE CONSIDERED THIS A MATTER IN WHICH SOVIETS
COULD NOT INTERVENE, BUT WHEN POLAD MENTIONED COM-
MUNICATIONS CLAUSE IN QA HE "APPEARED TO ROW BACK VERY
SLIGHTLY." SENAT'S MEMO ON APRIL 14
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MEETING BETWEEN GDR AND SENAT COMMISSIONERS MITDANK

AND KUNZE RECORDS THAT AFTER MITDANK ASKED FOR
SENAT'S POSITION ON TELTOW CANAL AND WAS INFORMED BY
KUNZE HE COULD NOT YET GIVE IT, MITDANK SAID THAT HE WAS
SURPRISED, INASMUCH AS WALKER ALREADY ON APRIL 7 HAD
INFORMED HIS "EASTERN INTERLOCUTOR" THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
SENAT AND GDR ON THIS PROBLEM NO LONGER PRESENTED DIFFICULTY.
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